

Due to the Southeast's unique rivers that produce red clay deposits, North Carolina has long been at the center of the brick making economy. This includes companies like Statesville Brick Company which opened its doors in 1891. As times changed though and the post-World War II building boom began to slow, brick makers began closing shop, and small, local operations transitioned into large, interstate corporations. Statesville Brick Company, however, bucked that trend, and remains at heart the same family-run operation it was over a century ago.

For Statesville Brick Company Chief Executive Officer Michael Foster and President James E. "Sonny" Rankin, Jr. along with Executive Vice President Scott A. Rankin and Quality Control Manager Adam Foster, the brick business is a generational affair. Sonny's grandfather E.R. "Roy" Rankin joined the company in 1916 and oversaw the construction of an early iteration of the firm's plant while Michael's father, H.B. "Bob" Foster joined as a partner in 1969. Today, Statesville Brick Company currently employs over 90 people and their work can be found at some of our nation's most prestigious academic institutions such as Princeton University, Ohio State University, and Davidson College.

Statesville Brick Company's 128 years of business are a source of pride for our region, demonstrating how an operation dedicated to high craftsmanship with deep local roots can succeed and thrive in a changing landscape.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Statesville Brick Company for 128 years of business.

**PASSING OF MS. ELIZABETH J. WESLEY**

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor Ms. Elizabeth "Libby" Wesley, an extraordinary activist and dear friend from Palm Beach County, Florida.

Ms. Wesley was born in Defuniak Springs, Florida to William and Allie Mae Jackson. In 1958, she moved to Delray Beach, Florida where she began her 37-year career in the field of education as a classroom teacher, instructional television educator, and project manager of early childcare welfare and services with the Palm Beach County School District. Her steadfast commitment to quality education on the local, state, and national level and her expertise in the field of early childhood education and development was highly sought after by leading parent advocacy groups, businesses, and national and local legislators.

Ms. Wesley, affectionately known as Libby, gifted her talents, time, and voice to the community as a prolific speaker, soloist, community activist, organizer, and innovator. Throughout her 61 years as a member of St. Paul AME, she served as the church secretary, on the trustee board and finance committee, and lifted the spirits of the congregation with her signature rendition of Amazing Grace. Libby became a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. in 1954 at Florida A&M Uni-

versity. She continued the works of her beloved sisterhood first as a member of Delta Epsilon Zeta Chapter in West Palm Beach, and later a founding member of the Tri-City Chapter Omicron Delta Zeta.

Perhaps Ms. Wesley's most impactful community legacy was her role as a co-founder of the Roots Cultural Festival in Delray Beach. Her leadership of this festival grew a weekend celebrating Black American excellence and African culture into a year-round youth program that included music, culture, education, and athletic components.

Ms. Wesley was also the recipient of numerous prestigious awards for her contributions in the areas of volunteerism and leadership, including the Old School Square Life Achievement award, the Delray Beach Rotary Service Above Self award, the Sojourner Truth Living History award, the Jefferson Award, the JM Family Enterprises The Prestigious African-American Achiever's Award, the Publisher's Award from the Sun Sentinel, as well as the building and dedication of The Elizabeth "Libby" Jackson Wesley Plaza in Delray Beach.

Madam Speaker, my friend Libby dedicated her life to serving our community. She was admired, respected, and beloved by all. I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to her family and friends, during this time of great sadness. She will be dearly missed.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. ILHAN OMAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 556.

**HONORING THE WORLD WAR II, KOREAN WAR, AND VIETNAM WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS**

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on October 16, 2019 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on October 16th answered our nation's call to service during several of its greatest times of need. Across the world, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these

men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Steve K. Admonis, James V. Ambrosia, Joseph V. Ambrozich, Thomas J. Andersen, Robert L. Andrews, Joe Ayres, James R. Baillie, Gene M. Bednarz, Robert S. Bernas, Clarence Beuke, Rodney A. Bjerke, Robert L. Card, John Carlin, Dominick Castaldo, William Cathey.

Melvin S. Copeland, Frank J. Cudia, Richard H. Davis, Bert A. Davis, Louis Delgado, Charles B. Desmond Sr., David L. Dobbs, Jr., Leonard Dobrzynski, James W. Donahue, Tad Dymanus, John Edward Essex, Edward J. Fatla, Karl Ferstl, Lloyd D. Flanagan, William F. Flynn.

John R. Garland, Paul Goldman, Larry B. Grose, Daniel R. Heiden, John R. Hill, Kenneth W. Janowski, Earl Kent, Taylor J. Kent, Robert L. King, Walter Klemper, Carl M. Klindworth, Dennis J. Kranc, Aloysius Ksiazek, Gary Kulhan, Lawrence J. Kummerer.

Joseph La Salvia, Jr., Richard J. Lain, Clifford Lauderdale, Allen Thomas Laya, Julius Levine, Frank H. Liltz, James E. Matkovich, Eugene A. May, Richard C. May, Glenn McAtee, Larry E. McCann, Edward McCarthy, John J. McDonnell, Anthony R. Mehok, Robert W. Migdal.

Daniel A. Moffett, Gene Ray, Sr. Montalbano, Richard G. Moutvic, Gerald J. Mraz, Richard A. Nelson, Walter W. Nitsche, Frank Noonan, Donald D. Northup, Thomas J. O'Neill, Roy Oscarson, Robert Joseph Pac, John J. Piworski, William A. Porter, Donald R. Pratt, Mane Eli Pritza.

Daniel J. Quigley, Michael K. Rachowicz, Joseph A. Rende, Carmine Rende, Jr., Richard Rix, Arthur Rogers, Gilberto Romero, Jr., Donald P. Rung, William F. Scheidt, Ronald R. Schmidt, William R. Schomburg, Steven D. Schuler, James L. Shohet, Michael L. Sloan, Lawrence M. Soja.

Robert Sperlik, Phillip T. Thornton, Franklin Truesdale, Darrell W. Van Gameron, August Verschelden, Anthony Vinezeano, John R. Walker, Allan L. Walraven, Gary D. Wilke, Warzell Williamson, Kenneth W. Witowski, Richard A. Yndestad, William E. Zimmer, Marshall Zweig.

**HONORING THE LEGACY OF LT. JOSEPH PETROSINO**

**HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Giuseppe "Joe" Petrosino, NYPD Badge No. 285. 110 years ago, Lt. Petrosino was assassinated in Sicily while investigating organized crime and became the first NYPD officer killed overseas in the line of duty.

Born in Padula (Sa.), Italy on August 30th, 1860, Lt. Del. Petrosino rose to fame in New York for cracking down on organized crime throughout the city. "The Detective in the Derby", as he was known in Little Italy, was the architect of the Bomb Squad, the Canine Squad, and the Undercover Squad and his techniques are still used by law enforcement today.

Petrosino and his family immigrated to the United States from Padula (in the province of